

Application No.: 10/025,765  
Amendment dated January 31, 2005  
Reply to Advisory Action dated January 25, 2005

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**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Advisory Action dated January 25, 2005 has been received and its content carefully reviewed.

By this response, claims 1, 5, 9 and 24 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 14 and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 12, 14-25, and 28-29 are pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendments are requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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